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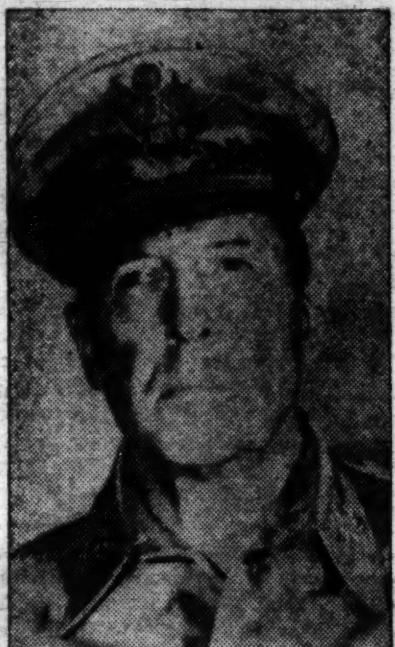


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Plane Crashes Into Wall St. Building

An airplane struck a building in the financial district at 40 Wall St. last night. The aircraft, believed to be a single-motored plane, crashed into the Bank of Manhattan building, a towering skyscraper, at the 28th floor. Parts of the plane were scattered on the street below and other fragments fell to the second parapet of the building. The plane hit on the Pine St. side of the building. Police found a hat, carrying a U. S. Army Air Corps insignia, on a ledge of the building on the 22nd floor level.

100 Stations List Foster-Luce Debate Tonight

About 100 stations of the Mutual Broadcasting System will carry the words of William Z. Foster on the American Forum of the Air at 9:30, Eastern Daylight Time, tonight, Mutual told the Daily Worker yesterday.

An audience of several millions will listen in on the debate, in which Foster



FOSTER

speaks with Dr. Harry F. Ward, author of the Soviet Spirit, as his partner, against Rep. Clare Booth Luce (D-Conn.) and William Henry Chamberlain, the professional anti-Soviet writer. The subject is, "Are Communism and Democracy Mutually Exclusive?"

Almost all the major cities in the country north of the Mason and Dixon line will be tuned in on Foster's historic speech.

Chicago, however, will be dimmed out. Col. Robert M. McCormick's own Mutual station, located in the Chicago Tribune Tower, is boycotting the debate.

Cities hearing the debate include: Philadelphia, Station WIT (9:30 p.m., EDT); Boston, WNAC (9:30 p.m., EDT); Baltimore, WCBM (8:30 p.m., EST); Washington, WOL (8:30 p.m., EST); Pittsburgh, KQV (9:30 p.m., EDT); Minneapolis,

WLOL (7:30 p.m., CDT).

Cincinnati's WCPO, and Cleveland's WHAK are not carrying the debate. Buffalo's WERR had not yet reported to Mutual last night. Southern stations, outside Texas, are generally boycotting the debate.



WARD

Truman Pledged Wage Boost, Say R.R. Unionists

WASHINGTON, May 20 (UP).—Railway labor leaders said today that they postponed the train strike until Thursday only on President Truman's promise of a higher wage increase than that recommended by his own fact-finding board, and they offered to reopen negotiations with railroad management on that basis.

Word that the President had overridden his own fact-finders to win the five-day strike truce came from Alvanley Johnston, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and A. F. Whitney of the Tranmen's Union after a ninety-minute conference with Presidential Adviser John R. Steelman.

President Truman, returning here from his flying visit to Liberty, Mo., meanwhile dismissed with a curt never-heard-of-it an earlier statement by Whitney and Alvanley Johnston, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, that he had given them assurance of a wage increase higher than that recommended by his own fact-finding board.

Both union officials said "some progress" was made in their talk with Steelman and they expressed readiness to meet with the railway management representatives "at any time."

Steelman also discussed the situation by telephone with the company the conditions under which the unions are ready to resume the wage talks.

The two brotherhoods already had rejected a wage boost of \$1.28 a day recommended by Truman's Railway Fact-Finding Board. The negotiations broke off last Thursday when the carriers refused to go beyond the panel's recommendations.

Johnston said Mr. Truman's promise was made in a telephone call to him and Whitney in Cleveland last Saturday, a few minutes before the strike was to have begun.

"The President gave us definite assurance that we would get more than was recommended by the fact-finding panel," Johnston said.

He indicated the promised hike was contingent upon postponement of the strike and return of the two union leaders to Washington to resume negotiations.

They called off the walkout, setting a new deadline for 4 p.m., Standard time, Thursday, and returned here yesterday.

The confident tone of the brotherhood officials was echoed in New York, where Johnston's second-in-command, Thomas J. Harkins, said he definitely expects a settlement before the new deadline is reached.

Disclosure of Mr. Truman's offer suggested the union might be in line for an increase of about 18½ cents an hour, similar to that granted in other basic industries. Their original demand was for 30 cents.

CHICAGO, May 20 (UP).—Officials of 15 non-operating railroad brotherhoods were tabulating strike vote ballots of 1,000 members tonight and one official predicted that a majority of the members would favor a walkout.

He said, however, that a vote for a strike would provide for further mediation before any strike date may be set.

Final results of the vote will not be announced for possibly as long as a month, he said, because of printing and tabulation difficulties.

The 15 non-operating unions, which have not participated in the operating unions' strike threat, now set for Thursday, were granted a wage increase of 16 cents an hour by an arbitration board April 3. They originally had requested a raise of 30 cents an hour.

On April 15 they filed a new demand for an additional 14 cents an hour. It is this demand which has resulted in the strike vote.

Anybody That Helps Little Guy Gets Called Red, Sinatra Finds

CHICAGO, May 20 (UP).—Frank Sinatra today denied charges that he was crooning America's bobby soxers into the hands of the Communists.

Gervase T. Murphy, Calumet, Mich., a director of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, powerful Catholic lay organizations, said Sinatra, a Catholic, had aligned himself with the Communists when he spoke "at a Red rally of 16,000 left-wingers" in New York's Madison Square Garden last Friday night.

Sinatra, tugging at his famous floppy bow tie, said he spoke at Madison Square Garden all right.

"It was a rally sponsored by the Veterans Committee of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions," he said. "While Murphy was hunting witches, the committee was urging passage of legislation to provide housing for veterans."

"I was trying to help veterans get homes to live in. If that was subversive activity, I'm all for it."

"Murphy's statement was a complete distortion. He couldn't have known the facts when he made it. The minute anyone tries to help the little guy he's called a Communist."

Hungry Nations Should Pay For Food, Hoover Declares

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Famine-stricken nations should be forced to pay for food shipments after Sept. 1, Herbert Hoover, "Food Ambassador" for the White House, advocated today before the United Nations Food and Agriculture organization.

The distribution of food, fertilizer and seeds must be returned to "normal commerce" which is more efficient than government, he said. "The world must quit charity as a basis of widespread food distribution," the depression-time President declared.

Hoover dominated the opening session of the organization convening here to measure food needs and to recommend measures for making the best use of the short 1946 supplies. Eighteen nations are represented with the USSR notably absent.

EXPOSED BY STATE DEPT.

Ironically, the session opened two days after the publication of State Department documents revealing Hoover as the brazen spokesman for using food as a political weapon

Gov't Offers 'Deal' on OPA

WASHINGTON, May 20 (UP).—The Administration offered today to abolish OPA a year hence and speed up decontrol of prices if permitted to keep its present weapons against inflation.

The plan was laid before the Senate Banking Committee by Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley as an amendment to the OPA extension bill. It was viewed as the Administration's bid to forestall Senate approval of House amendments which Government leaders call "a joy ride to disaster."

As outlined by Barkley, the amendment would abolish OPA, as such, on June 30, 1947, but provide for continued control after that of scarce commodities by other agencies designated by the President. The Chief Executive would be required to report to Congress by next April 1 what commodities will be scarce and the agencies to control them.

How to Save OPA

THE OPA's retreats under fire make it all the more urgent that existing controls on such items as rent, most foods and other vital necessities be maintained. This issue will be decided in the next two weeks; if the peace control agency is saved, you can then fight to regain lost ground. Right now, you can:

- Wire, and get your organizations to wire, Senators Robert F. Wagner (D-NY) and Charles H. Tobey (R-NH) of the Senate Banking Committee, your own Senators and your Representative to pass through the price control bill without crippling amendments.
- Organize meetings, petition campaigns and delegations.

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your place in the Communist Party now. Here is our hand of welcome.

Editors, Daily Worker,
50 E. 13th St., New York 3, N. Y.

I am ready to join the Communist Party and take my place in the ranks of my fellow-Americans fighting for economic security, peace and Socialism.

Signed

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Ghavam Belittles Fighting

TEHERAN, May 20 (UPI).—Premier Ahmad Ghavam Es-Sultaneh admitted today that fighting had broken out between Iranian Government forces and the Azerbaijan army but he minimized radio Tabriz accounts of Iranian attacks at five points along a 150-mile front.

"Government forces began their attacks afresh today with guns and mortars," Tabriz said. "Azerbaijan newspapers state that the government attack has been repulsed."

Delayed dispatches from Tabriz said that Premier Jaafar Pishevari, leader of the Azerbaijan Democrats, had declared his province on a "war footing" and that American citizens in Tabriz had been advised officially by the U. S. Government to leave the province.

Pishevari asserted the Democrats were determined to preserve their newly acquired liberty.

CALLS FIGHTING MINOR

Ghavam, in an interview with the newspaper *Keyhan*, said he was certain the fighting was of a minor character, that it had ceased by now and that he had issued explicit standing instructions to all Iranian army units not to attack the Azerbaijanians. He said also that a government committee was going to Tabriz to continue talks with Pishevari in an attempt to reach a final peaceful conclusion to their dispute.

Radio Tabriz first reported the fighting in broadcasts which said that government troops attacked at 5 p.m. yesterday against four Azerbaijan army outposts in Zenjan Province and at one point in Kurdistan Province.

Later broadcasts limited the fighting to the outposts of Surat and Bagcheh in the Zenjan area, where Tabriz said government troops were attacking with mortars.

Vets Call For Own 'PAC'

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Independent Veterans' Committee to defeat congressional foes of housing, OPA, FEPC and 65-cent minimum wage were urged yesterday by the American Veterans Committee.

AVC National Headquarters said it would soon provide the organization's 500 chapters with an analysis of each congressman's voting record on these key issues, as well as five others.

Since its constitution prohibits backing of candidates for public office, members of the organization are urged to participate in the work of the independent committee.



Britain's Plan—A House Divided: Britain's scheme for an Indian constituent assembly would give the balance of power to the myriad autocratically-ruled and British-dominated princely states (white on map above). Areas with a Moslem majority (cross-hatched) would have the right to federate with one another, but self determination to the point of separation would be denied. Assembly delegates from British India would represent about 11 percent of the population. Meanwhile the British viceroy and British troops would rule supreme.

Dutt Exposes Pitfalls In Britain's India 'Plan'

By R. Palme Dutt

Wireless to the Daily Worker

SIMLA, India, May 20.—The British Cabinet Mission has had initial success in the presentation of its plan for India.

So far as it is possible to judge from immediate reactions, there appears to be very fair chance that the award, despite criticism, will be accepted and worked out by the Congress and Muslim League leaderships. It is even possible that both will enter into the Interim government.

The presentation of the awards has been very skillfully staged so as to keep out of view any voice of criticism or dissent. Nevertheless certain hard facts will have to be faced.

- The award does not place independence in the hands of the Indian people. It sets up a constitution-making body whose composition is determined entirely by British decision and procedure.

- One quarter of its number will consist of representatives of the princes. This may vitiate completely any democratic character in the Constituent Assembly.

- The scheme partitions India into four zones, that is three zones comprising various provinces and the Princes' states. Relations between zones and the union on one hand and the zones and provinces on the other are left extremely vague and they are likely to give rise to very great difficulties in practice and even, as Cabinet Mission spokesmen admitted under direct questioning possibly breakdown.

- Military power remains in British hands for the interim period with British responsibility for the maintenance of law and order.

- The Interim government will be, in fact, the Viceroy's Council operating under the Constitution of 1919. There is no intention of making any legislative constitutional changes in this respect and the Viceroy's veto and other decisive powers will continue. Participation in the interim government will depend on the acceptance of the general scheme.

- In his statement, Sir Stafford Cripps referring to the question of how soon the British will sever their governmental connections with India, stated that no term could be set for this since it depended on the completion of an elaborate process which will in fact be carried out completely under British control.

These problems will inevitably make themselves more sharply felt as the demands of the Indian people for independence finds itself struggling against frustrations and obstacles of this imposed constitution-making machinery.

NEW DELHI, May 20 (UPI).—Congress Party and Moslem League decisions on British proposals for an independent India will again be postponed, it was indicated today.

The executive body of the League has been called to meet June 2 and the Congress working committee will not meet again until tomorrow.

M'Arthur Raps Labor, Allows Rightist Gov't

Gen. Douglas MacArthur yesterday clamped down on Japanese labor while an all-reactionary Japanese cabinet prepared to take office.

After 200,000 hunger marchers Sunday had demanded that the Emperor's kitchen be opened to the people, the Supreme Commander announced, according to United Press that "excesses of disorderly minorities" must cease. He declared that "physical violence which undisciplined elements are now beginning to practice will not be permitted to continue."

Leaders of the hunger march, which was organized by trade unions, Communists and Socialists, issued a statement that an "orderly mass movement organized by labor" is "the only method of preventing food riots."

Meanwhile, with MacArthur's apparent blessing, Premier Shigeru Yoshida formed a cabinet of five Liberals, four Progressives and four members of the House of Peers which is scheduled to take office today.

Yoshida is closely linked with the Japan's top financial cliques and the imperial household. He held

high diplomatic and government posts during the war.

The Progressive Party, according to a Moscow broadcast of May 16, "is controlled to this day by reactionary politicians who carried out the militarist designs of Japanese imperialists."

The Moscow radio continued: "The great majority of the Progressive Party leadership came under MacArthur's ordinance of Jan. 4, purging the government machinery of militarists. Following this ordinance, the leaders in question resigned formally from the Progressive Party, but as Yomuri revealed on April 19, actually they still continue at its helm. The individuals they put up in their places are their obedient tools."

The Liberal Party now headed by Yoshida was formerly led by Ichiro Hatoyama who had to be purged when his admiration for Hitler and Mussolini was exposed. The Liberals are generally regarded as representing the Zaibatsu, or big trusts.

COAL TALKS BOG DOWN; U.S. SEIZURE PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, May 20 (UPI).—All efforts to reopen the soft coal wage negotiations appeared to have bogged down tonight and a government official predicted that the mines would be seized by mid-week to avert another strike at the expiration of the present two-week truce Saturday.

With White House attention focused on the railroad strike threat, observers believed President Truman would withhold action on the coal dispute for another two or three days, giving the conferees a last chance to reach agreement.

White House Secretary Eben Ayers said that as far as he knew the President had no intention of taking over the nation's 3,000 soft coal mines "imminently."

NEW SHUTDOWN DUE

But under the truce ordered by Lewis after the mines had been idle for six weeks, another shutdown is due at midnight Saturday if no settlement is reached by that time. And a government official close to the situation said flatly that Mr. Truman would seize the mines to prevent that occurrence.

A reliable source said the President conferred with Charles O'Neill of the coal operators' committee shortly before he left for Liberty, Mo., yesterday. Mr. Truman also

was believed to have discussed the situation privately with President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers (AFL).

Neither O'Neill nor Lewis would comment on the crisis, or on what action they would take if the government seized the mines.

AFL Electricians Aid TB Survey

More than 1,000 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, "E" Division Local No. 3, are participating in a chest X-ray survey in cooperation with the New York, Brooklyn and Queensboro Tuberculosis and Health Associations. The health drive is a joint project of management and the unions, to discover diseases of the chest early.

More than 700 members were x-rayed Thursday at the Union headquarters school, 128 E. 25 St., and by the Queensboro Tuberculosis and Health Association at its Chest X-Ray Center. Members of the union working in Brooklyn shops and factories will be x-rayed on Wednesday, May 22, at 293 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn.

Rewarding 'Pearl Harbor' Criminals

THE way Gen. MacArthur is handling affairs in Japan is becoming more of a scandal every day.

First, MacArthur takes the little tin horn Emperor and makes him our pal. The leading war criminal of Japan should be tried and hanged for what he did to us at Pearl Harbor. Instead, MacArthur is "selling" him to the Japanese people and to the U. S. as a "regular guy."

American publicity is painting the treacherous Emperor as a "swell feller" who even gets his feet wet in the surf.

Our newspapers back home are gushing over the Pearl Harbor criminal as if he were a hero and not our deadly enemy.

MacArthur has left the Emperor in complete control of his vast feudal estates, leaving him one of the richest men in Japan.

Now, when the people of Japan are getting sick and tired of having MacArthur shove their old gang of military

reactionaries down their throats, MacArthur is "getting tough" with these people.

On May 1 a huge demonstration of Japanese trade unionists and working people demanded democratic reforms in Japan. When the Soviet representative to the Far Eastern Council asked what about these demands of the common people, MacArthur's spokesman boiled up and shouted that MacArthur "doesn't want communism" in Japan.

It seems that if the people want to get rid of the old generals who knifed US in the back at Pearl Harbor we will protect the sneak-attackers against their people.

More than 200,000 Japanese demonstrated two days ago before the palace of the Premier asking for food and social reforms. What does MacArthur do? He has sternly warned the people they have no right to "pressure the government."

Our bayonets are supporting the same class of Japanese reactionaries who knifed us at Pearl Harbor. We are using our power against the common people on whom

alone we can depend to establish a non-warlike regime.

Is it because our saber-rattlers are thinking of using the Japanese generals as our allies against democracy in China, Korea and the Soviet Union?

Our boys fought to crush the Japanese generals. Our State Department and Gen. MacArthur seem to be setting America up for another Pearl Harbor. All because they are hypnotized by the idea of "doing a Hitler" against the Soviet Union. Listen to the New York Herald Tribune report from Washington:

"In . . . an interview with MacArthur's chief of military intelligence, Gen. Willoughby . . . the tone of the interview was that with MacArthur's careful handling of the Japanese they might some day be a useful ally of the United States . . . Against whom? The obvious answer: Russia." (May 19, 1946)

So we're coddling the Emperor and the generals and suppressing the common people with this in mind.

Public opinion here at home must stop this betrayal of the things we fought for.

What Is Behind the Railroad Dispute

What's behind the railroad dispute? The number of trainmen and enginemen killed in accidents rose from 280 in 1939 to 589 in 1944. H. P. Melnikow, economist of the brotherhoods in those crafts, told the railroad President's emergency board recently.

Speedup of railroad workers has reached such a tremendous level, he continued, that if the railroads were to operate on 1936 efficiency today they would have to employ 510,000 locomotive enginemen and trainmen in place of the 325,000 they now employ.

Profits from Class I railroads were

\$453,000,000 in 1945, after interest, rentals and taxes—more than twice their total profit for the entire period of 1936-1939. This despite the fact that the government allowed them to pay up all they owed on war emergency charges and add it to their operating expense for that year.

The trend in railroad wages has been such as to put this once "high" wage industry far behind most major industries. In 1933 average railroad wages were 60 cents an hour. Average wages in all manufacturing were 45 cents. In 1945 the average railroad wage reached 99 cents,

but average for all manufacturing climbed to \$1.03.

This is why the brotherhoods of trainmen and engineers are so determined that their full demand for wage raises and working rule changes be met.

They want working rules that will not demand the lives of 589 of their members a year or squeeze the energy out of workers at a rate that sends them to an early scrap heap or into the ranks of the jobless.

They want the full 30 cents and they show the huge profits from which increases could come.

"No industry in America has bosses as blind, as reactionary, as extravagant as those of the railroad industry," said President A. F. Whitney when he testified before the President's board. "When their employees talk about improved working conditions and modern safety devices they are termed radical, and if we are to judge the temper of these men by the statements made by their chosen attorney, the granting of our rules program may cause them to have apoplexy."

Those are a few points in the case of just two of the brotherhoods. The 18 other unions in the industry have a similar story.

Lynch Mobs Roar Through Hamlet; 'Defense' Witness Insults Negroes

By Harry Raymond

HAMLET, N. C., May 20.—The Jimcrow trial of Major Benton, former Negro Army private, his conviction and sentence to death on a rape charge on April 13 was utilized here for an attack on the entire Negro population. A Benton defense committee of condemned veteran was framed and demands a new trial for him, but is outraged over testimony offered at the Benton trial by a so-called defense witness. The witness, Dr. J. F. Owens, psychiatrist and former superintendent of the State Hospital in Raleigh, told the court it was his "expert" opinion the entire Negro population was an inferior race.

Called by defense attorneys Edgar W. Jones and W. R. Jones, Dr. Owens proceeded to tell the court and jury the defendant, in his opinion, had a "mental development of nine years and one month."

Benton had "no form of insanity whatsoever" and had "capacity to know right from wrong," he testified.

What Jones and Jones were trying to prove through this testimony about the defendant, a former high school student and man who met Army psychological requirements, was never made clear.

UTILIZED BIAS

But Richmond County Judge Donald Phillips, trial jurist in the case, and the County Solicitor lost no time in utilizing the doctor to prejudice the jury against all Negroes.

Questioned by the Solicitor, Dr. Owens draped his doctor's cloak around the white supremacy theory

as the following testimony shows:

By the Solicitor: You have also testified, have you not, that you have examined and given tests to a great many patients?

Dr. Owens: Yes, sir.

Q. And among them, I take it, there have been a large number of colored people; now will you state to the jury the average mental age of a colored person? (Objection).

By the Court: He may testify to that; I think it would be competent, if he has an opinion satisfactory to himself, according to his manner of testing people, what is the average mental attainment of the colored race that he has examined. (Objection).

By the Solicitor: According to your methods of testing the mental capacity of individuals, have you any opinion satisfactory to yourself as to the average mental attainment of the colored race? (Objection; overruled; exception).

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Will you state what that opinion is? (Objection; overruled; exception).

By the Solicitor: According to your methods of testing the mental capacity of individuals, have you any opinion satisfactory to yourself as to the average mental attainment of the colored race? (Objection; overruled; exception).

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Will you state what that opinion is? (Objection; overruled; exception).

EXCLUSIVE

Recommended Reading for Carolina Jury

The pamphlet, "The Races of Mankind," prepared for the Army during the war by Prof. Ruth Benedict and Dr. Gene Weltfish of Columbia University, tell a different story than does Dr. J. F. Owens of Raleigh, N. C.

During the first World War, intelligence tests were given millions of average Americans for the first time, when they were drafted. Here are some scores:

SOUTHERN WHITES: Mississippi, 41.25; Kentucky, 41.50; Arkansas, 41.55.

NORTHERN NEGROES: New York, 45.02; Illinois, 47.35; Ohio, 49.50.

"The Races of Mankind" was suppressed by the War Department under pressure from Rep. Andrew May (D-Ky.), chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, and other southern Democrats. But the truth cannot forever be suppressed—

"Negroes with better luck after they were born got higher scores than whites with less luck. The white race did badly where economic conditions were bad and schooling was not provided, and Negroes living under better conditions surpassed them. The differences did not arise because people were from the North or the South, or because they were white or black, but because of differences in income, education, cultural advantages and other opportunities."

A. That, of course, is a question in which a little personal equation comes in; from my own experience I should say a fair average would be twelve years. (Objection; motion to strike out; denied; exception).

By the Court: Gentlemen of the jury, you will not consider the testimony of the witness in regard to the average mental attainment of the colored race as a whole, except as in comparing the defendant's mental condition and attainment to the average man of his race. You may consider it for that and no other reason.

For this insult on his people, Verge Pratt, 75-year-old grandfather of the condemned Negro, had to pay \$100 out of his life-long savings to the psychiatrist.

APPEAL GAINS TIME

Notice of appeal filed with the North Carolina Supreme Court has kept Major Benton from dying in the Raleigh Central State Prison gas chamber May 31. But time is short. Benton has only 60 days from May 13 to present arguments for reversal of the conviction.

I have with me now Major Benton's statement denying his guilt.

When I went to the Central Prison May 14 with Grandfather Pratt and the Rev. L. W. Wertz, the condemned veteran's pastor, I received from Benton an appeal to the American people, white and Negro, to aid him in his fight for justice.

And strong action is being taken in Hamlet and throughout Richmond County to block that fight.

As soon as Negro-hating white men learned steps were being taken to rally public opinion in support of a campaign to save Benton's life, a new rape rumor spread

throughout Hamlet.

On Saturday night, May 11, I personally saw thirty carloads of armed white men roar through the Negro neighborhood. They said they were searching for a Negro alleged to have committed rape earlier in the evening.

A young Negro to whom I had talked that Saturday afternoon had his hat shot off his head by white men. He was arrested, quizzed on the alleged rape and released Sunday.

But the Negro population in Hamlet is not backing up in the fight.

I attended a meeting of the local defense committee. I felt deep shame that I was the only white man at the rally.

But the Rev. W. C. Coleman, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, relieved me somewhat when he said he was sure white people would join with his people in this struggle.

"Because of these kind of white

people we were brought out of the darkness of slavery," said the Rev. Coleman.

Coleman then turned to the Rev.

Wertz, leader of the Benton defense committee, and said: "The Rev. Wertz is our backbone. He stands in front of us. He represents all the Negroes in Hamlet."

I told the people in that little southern church I would send their message to the people all over the United States.

This is how you can help now:

send your contributions to the Rev.

L. W. Wertz, Box 909, Hamlet, N. C.

Tell him to earmark it for the Benton defense fund. This will get the ball rolling. You will be contributing toward saving the life of an innocent man.

Rally Will Hear Andrei Gromyko



Andrei A. Gromyko, Soviet delegate to the UN Security Council, will make an important statement on American-Soviet cooperation at a Madison Square Garden rally May 29, Corliss Lamont, chairman of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, announced yesterday.

The National Council is sponsoring the meeting to honor the three visiting Soviet writers, Ilya Ehrenburg, Konstantin Simonov and Mija Gen. Mikhail Galaktionov.

One of the many leading Americans to address the meeting will be Sen. James E. Murray, (D-Mont.), Lamont disclosed.

Detroit City Dep'ts to Vote

By WILLIAM ALLAN

DETROIT, May 20.—An election takes place here tomorrow (Tuesday) among 5,000 Detroit city employees on choice of a union.

The CIO United Public Workers of America and the AFL State Employees Union will face each other on the ballot. A victory for UPWA will mean that for the first time Negro city employees will have an organization that bars segregation from its ranks and fights for equal opportunity for all its members.

At present Negro workers employed by the city are discriminated against, are paid the lowest wages and are given the dirtiest jobs with no opportunity for advancement.

Ask Views on Report

JERUSALEM, May 20 (UPI).—Jewish and Arab leaders in the Holy Land have been invited to present their views on the Palestine Inquiry Commission's report before June 20, it was announced today.

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Women vets will discuss the job situation at a reunion at the N.Y.C. Veterans Service Center, 500 Park Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Speakers

80% of Transit Workers Sign TWU Petition to City

By Art Shields

Workers on New York's city-owned subway, elevated and bus lines demonstrated their overwhelming demand to be represented by the CIO's Transport Workers Union yesterday in a petition signed by 21,834 workers out of the total of 27,000 to 28,000 operating workers.

The petition was dramatically presented to Arthur S. Mayer, chairman of Mayor's O'Dwyer's special transit committee, by Harry Sacher, TWU attorney, and Councilman Michael J. Quill, union president.

The petition, signed by approximately 80 percent of the eligible workers, demands a speedy collective bargaining election.

BROPHY'S STRONGHOLD

Transit workers who packed the room in the old City Court building on Chambers St. grinned as Sacher pointed out that most of the workers from "Bernard Brophy's stronghold" in the Coney Island bus shops, had signed the petition. Brophy is president of Local 2193 of the American Federation of Transit Employees, which opposes the election.

The workers nodded their approval as Sacher scored Brophy's counsel, Louis Waldman, for his red-baiting propaganda against the CIO union.

Waldman, who also represents Joseph P. (King) Ryan, of the International Longshoremen's Assn., told the committee at a recent session that the TWU was a "Communist" outfit.

"If I were a worker," replied

Sacher with emphasis, "and I had a choice between an honestly administered Communist union and one that is dominated by Joseph P. Ryan, I would take the Communist union."

CHARGE INTERFERENCE

The TWU counsel told the committee that the 21,834 workers had signed the petition despite "substantial" interference by supervisory officials of the Board of Transportation.

Richard Warner, the Board's

counsel, then admitted that there had been interference on the city's Independent subway system, where he asserted the signing tended to delay men from going to work.

Sacher said that Waldman was very inconsistent in arguing that the CIO had no right to exclusive bargaining rights. The AFL's chief transit union, the Amalgamated Assn. of St. and Electric Railway Employees, had insisted on such rights in Cleveland and elsewhere, he said.

News Drivers Solid in Phila.

By Walter Lowenfels

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—Big electric signs blare the well-known slogan "In Philadelphia Nearly Everybody Reads the Evening Bulletin," but since last Friday nearly everybody in Philadelphia is not reading either the Evening Bulletin, The Morning Record or the Inquirer.

A solid strike of 300 AFL delivery drivers has completely eliminated their combined circulation of a million and a half daily, with the exception of copies being sold over the counter.

The CIO newspaper Guild passed a resolution yesterday stating members would refuse to cross the AFL picket lines if strike-breakers were used to deliver papers.

The newspaper owners are announcing that the Central Labor Union and the Teamsters Joint Council have not authorized the strike. However, inquiries by this paper at both offices made it clear that the strike is not unauthorized.

Sol Woociker, business agent of Local 628, affiliated with the Teamsters, said that there were people in Philadelphia out to break unions, but they would not succeed.

"We have gotten no increase since 1943. The publishers offered us a 14 percent cash increase together with paid vacations and holidays to which we feel we are entitled," he explained, "we were satisfied with the 14 percent provided they included the half hour lunch period is our work day which would cost them about 65 cents."

UOPWA Hits Gestapo Tactics of Rankin

"Gestapo-like investigations" of the Rankin Un-American Activities Committee in Washington were denounced by Aaron D. Schneidig, New York regional director of the United Office and Professional Workers in a wire to all Congressmen from this city.

Rep. John E. Rankin's (D-Miss.) activities in "stirring up religious and racial hatred" were emphasized in the wire. Abolition of the committee was demanded.

The Congressmen were urged to vote against the committee's demand for House certification of contempt citations against officers of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

Eighteen thousand workers are represented in the UOPWA's regional office here.

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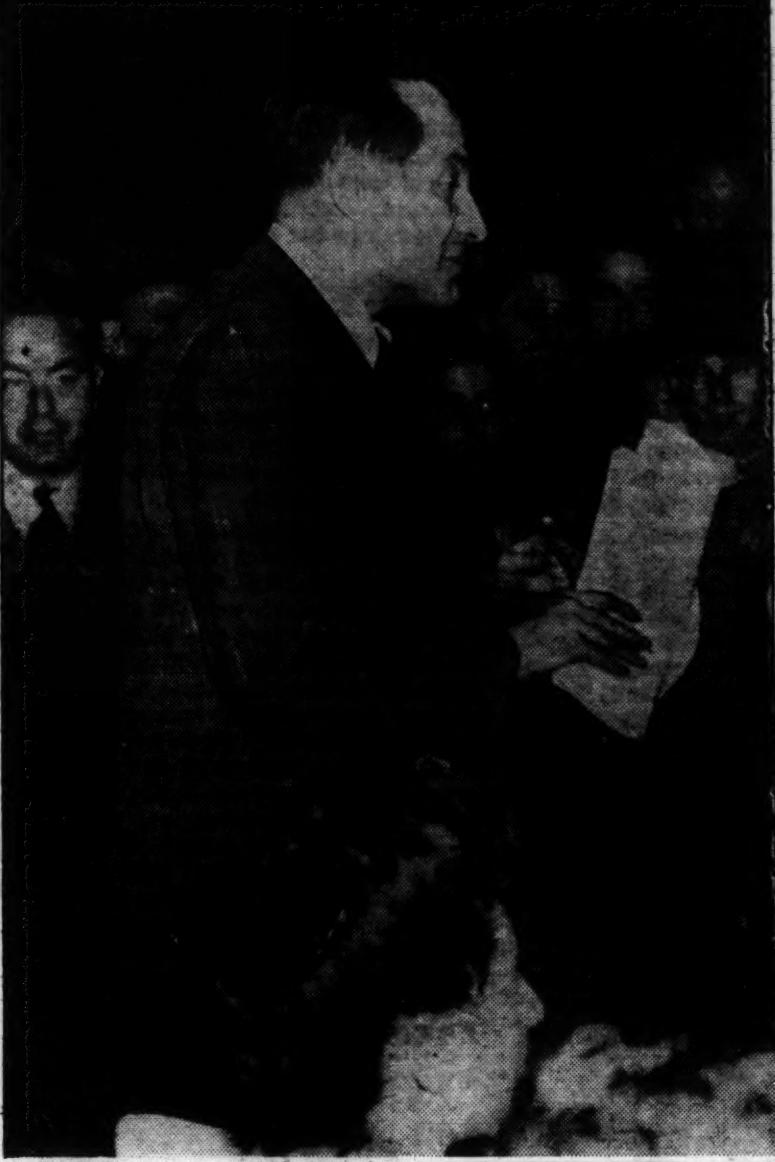
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LET'S GO!



Meets His People: Standing in a jeep, Rep. Vito Marcantonio (NY-ALP) answers questions by his constituents at Saturday's "Operation Housing" staged by the New York County American Legion at the 69th Regiment Armory. He was one of 12 of New York's Congressmen who responded to the invitation to attend the meeting.

—Daily Worker photo

Is It 'Red' to Want a Roof Overhead?

Hearst Says Yes, But 211,000 Homeless Vets Hold Other Views

By Lester Rodney

Do the tens of thousands of homeless Jewish and Catholic veterans in New York City agree with the county commanders of the Jewish Veterans and the Catholic War Veterans and William Randolph Hearst that a program for 50,000 low cost homes is "red fascism" (whatever that is)?

Reuben Smith, commander of the N. Y. County Jewish War Veterans, and Frank J. Manly commander of the N. Y. Catholic War Veterans

will undoubtedly soon discover the answer to that question from some of New York City's 211,000 homeless vets.

Here is the story: On Saturday morning a delegation representing 30 veteran, labor and civic organizations, headed by Nathan Strauss, former national housing administrator, met with the Mayor for an hour and a half. After the meeting the Mayor said he was very favorably impressed by the detailed, practical plan presented and would meet with the delegation again this week.

THE BIG RETREAT

Up to Saturday the Jewish and Catholic War Veterans were part of the broad Housing Action Committee. But on that morning Smith and Manly wired their withdrawals to Strauss and the press.

Interestingly, both wires were couched in the language of the Hearst Journal-American, denouncing the committee members as "red fascists." This moronic phrase is the personal contribution to jour-

nalism of Howard Rushmore, bounced from the Daily Worker some years ago for a fascist attitude toward minority groups.

Smith and Manley were joined later in the day by John J. Lawlor, county commander of the American Legion, who succumbed to the same "mysterious" pressure after the Legion delegate, William Quaytman, had participated in the successful delegation to the Mayor.

Legion members Saturday afternoon showed their concern for homes "Operation Housing," sponsored by all New York post of the organization, at which the demand for 50,000 vets homes in New York City this year was raised in coordination with Housing Action's meeting with the Mayor.

And certainly many members of the Jewish and Catholic War Veterans are more interested in the building of low cost homes than in Hearstian red baiting by well-heeled commanders of World War I vintage who have obviously lost touch with the boys.

1st Negro Joins Hall of Fame

A bronze bust of Booker T. Washington, the great educator and the first Negro to be chosen for New York University's Hall of Fame for Great Americans, will be unveiled by his granddaughter, Gloria Davidson Washington, at University Heights, Thursday at 3 p. m.

The bust, a gift of Tuskegee Institute and Hampton Institute, was sculptured by Richmond Barto, the first Negro artist to be represented in the collection of portrait busts that line the colonnade.

Booker T. Washington was born a slave in Virginia in 1855 and worked his way through Hampton Institute as a janitor. After graduating and teaching there for a while he was selected to found a school at Tuskegee, Alabama.

Dr. Washington stressed the importance of industrial and agricultural training for Negro youth of

that day, and gave wide popularity to the phrase "Drop down your bucket where you are." He was the author of *Up From Slavery*.

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Change the World

By Mike Gold

BUGLES are sounding loud and clear in a thrilling call to the people's fight. The Communist Party of the USA is conducting a recruiting campaign for 20,000 new members.

More than half this number has already been enrolled—farmers, Negro steel workers and sharecroppers, seamen on all the seas, women from the homes, factories and farms. More than a fourth of the new members are young veterans. In the South the Negro workers and intellectuals seem to be going through a renaissance of Communist feeling. They are joining at a rate reminiscent of the fighting famine days of 1930.

Your friend, this columnist of "Change the World," presses forward to join the bugle corps. The Daily Worker has pledged itself to bring 500 new recruits into the ranks, and I want to help.

You, a reader of this paper, are, without doubt, already "half a Communist," or, at least, a "quarter-Communist." In appealing to you to become a full Communist, it may be necessary first to break down some of the fears and half-truths that hold sympathizers back from membership.

Here, to the best of my ability, let me answer a few such outstanding objections toward joining up:



1. Fear of exposure and persecution: America is a free and democratic country, except toward Jews, Negroes, strikers, and, of course, Communists. It isn't always a picnic to be known as a Communist. One's job is endangered; one's children may be hounded at school; snappers, spies, FBI men with a lot of time, Trotzkyite informers and a lot of other pests descend upon one—especially in small communities or in reactionary machine-ruled trade unions.

But the only way to stop such persecution is to join the Communist Party. In countries like France, Yugoslavia, Italy and other places where there is a great and powerful Communist movement, the persecution cannot go on. In the United States, too, to be a Communist is not as much of a martyrdom as you think. It has its pains, but it also has its glorious compensations. You will feel better when you stop letting your fears rule your life.

2. A non-party sympathizer is more effective than a party Communist:

One has heard expressed a thousand times this little self-delusion of the hesitant or intimidated. But a Communist is always more effective in the organization which has been created to fulfill his dreams. Organization—that's the word. Organization adds strength to the scattered individuals. They become welded, firm and effective only when organized.

You yourself, as an individual, are easily depressed and even lost when some defeat occurs, or there is some new unaccountable change in the face of events. Belonging to a firm and well-organized

group who believe in Communist principles, the problem will become a collective one, and will be solved collectively. The organization is always more than the sum of its individual members.

This was proved in Spain, in Greece, in France, Italy, China and every other land where fascism had conquered. A firm and well-organized Communist underground became the rallying point for democracy.

Which leads me up to the third point. I have heard fellow-travellers argue that perhaps if we did not have a strong Communist Party, the reactionaries would never be alarmed into fascism. Let's just play along with the liberals, let's try not to make any socialist demands, they say.

This is Browderism, of course, and almost liquidated the Communist Party of the U.S.A. But some honest, if badly-informed people, find this argument plausible. To them I would point again to Europe. It is only in countries where there is a tremendous Communist Party that fascism simply hasn't a chance, and is howling the loudest for help from American and British capitalism.

In actual history, the fact remains that the fascists have never been won over to kindness and democracy by disguising oneself as a PM liberal or New Deal democrat. The Hitlerites of America hated Roosevelt even more than they ever hated Communists.

They cannot be won over—they simply do not respond to a nice, quiet, complaisant and polite liberalism. It only encourages

Why a Quarter or a Half? Be a Full Communist

ages them to be more ruthless, as a matter of fact. Look at that famous case of Munich appeasement—did it work?

No, if we build a powerful Communist movement we will find that it has served to put courage into millions of other Americans, and given them some effective leadership in the fight against American fascism.

To fight fascism only brave people, only intelligent people, can organize the masses. Such people will not fear to join the Communist Party. Furthermore, such fighters know that fascism is the expression of a cruel and decadent capitalism. To destroy fascism, you are forced to understand and to attack this capitalist system that breeds it.

Communism represents the democratic future, the world of brotherhood, equality and peace that must follow the end of the outworn fascist-capitalist era.

Join the party that sees all the issues so clearly, that fights so well and so tirelessly for the people. Be brave in the fight against anti-Semitism and anti-Negro fascism. Help to build a free and socialist world! Leave a heritage of democracy to your children! Defy the red-baiters and stand up for your principles! Join the Communist Party, and keep fascism out of America and the world! On to a better day, to a world where life has been made beautiful and free! Join the Communist Party to make yourself effective in the war to abolish poverty and fascism! Write a letter today to the Daily Worker, saying that you want to soon!

Letters from Our Readers



Britain Offers India Phony Independence

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Cabinet Mission has announced its long-awaited plan for India. Friends of our country, who have no means of knowing exactly what has been happening in recent negotiations, may wonder about the real intentions of the plan. Through your paper, I wish to present the following facts which I was able to collect from recent issues of the People's Age.

"From reliable sources who occupy responsible places in Indian public life and are in close touch with Lord Wavell and his staff," it was gathered by the New Delhi correspondent of the People's Age that not only were League and Congress leaders consulted in Calcutta before the arrival of the Mission, but also during the visit of the Mission most negotiations have been carried on in secret. The British diplomats have been arguing as though Indian independence were on the table for the Indian leaders to take if only

they could assure Britain they would not fall prey to Russian expansionism! Lord Wavell and his military staff have been insisting on "full collaboration between British and Indian defense," and the inclusion of Sir A. V. Alexander in the Mission has been linked to his knowledge of the three services.

The conclusion is supported by the now published plan and it can be stated that the "agreement with Britain" refers to India's collaboration with the British foreign policy in the UNO and her becoming a stronghold of feudal reaction like other countries in the Middle East. In short, India is going, with the acquiescence of Congress and League leaders, to become as free as Egypt or perhaps Transjordan—a firm bastion against all forces of progress in the East and Britain's ally against "Soviet imperialism."

Patriotic Indians can never be happy with this situation of virtual slavery that is being dished out to them as real independence.

AN INDIAN PATRIOT.

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

'There's Gold in Them Thar Quills'

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

Why don't you reprint some of Harrison George's columns from the Peoples World? They are informative, analytical and clever. Why deprive the East of Western gold diggings?

ISABELLE AUERBACH.

Finds Pepper Sketch Salty

Great Neck, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The sketch of Senator Claude Pepper in May 12th's Worker was a treat in content and in form. It strengthened my growing admiration for Rob F. Hall's political reporting.

L. ELDRIDGE.

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Textile Worker Writes of Problems

New Bedford, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Textile workers have many problems in connection with their work in the mills. It seems to me that these problems can be put into two main groups: One, problems that exist within the mill such as speed-up, excessive work load, and low wages; and secondly, the failure of the union leadership to take up grievances of the workers.

The textile manufacturers are trying to fasten upon the workers a program of more and more work for less and less pay. Where I work, the weavers continually have more and more loom stoppages.

These stoppages are due to cheap and defective yarns, and they are also due to the speed-up in the slashing department.

The slashers are compelled to rush the warps through so fast that it is impossible to avoid spoilage. And when these warps are put into the looms, they cause more loom stoppages. In fact,

the weavers simply cannot keep more than one half of their looms going. This is a wage cut right here!

A few months ago the textile workers received a wage increase of 8 percent. This is 10 percent less than the wage increase received by the workers in most of the other industries.

Ever since that raise, the bosses have been trying to get back in return more and more production. I know that in one mill the weavers are actually making less now than they did before they received the pay increase.

Take the case of what the union officials do concerning workers' grievances. The stewards try to adjust grievances. These stewards are given evasive answers and the run around by the bosses in the factory. So the steward then goes to the union leadership for help. He gets none!

Instead of help he gets more evasive answers and more run around. Sometimes, as a result of the widespread indignation of the workers, the union leadership comes down to the mill.

Certainly this situation can only bring about confusion and demoralization of the union membership and of the unorganized workers as well. This failure of the union officials to handle workers' problems and grievances in a real militant and positive manner just simply plays right into the hands of the bosses, and it helps them fasten to the workers their program of speed-up, low pay, and excessive work load.

Such, in brief, are some of the problems confronting the textile workers. There is great need for militant and progressive action by the union and its leadership to eliminate these problems and grievances. TEXTILE WORKER.

People Will Back Fight for Progress

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

New York.

I've read the piece by Ben Davis in the Daily Worker regarding his answer to Wallender's sinister and contemptible apology. I must say this answer is a masterpiece.

Only a person who has a warm heart for the people could be inspired with such an eloquent answer.

J. POLLACK.

Let's Sign Up to End SNAFU

By JOSEPH CLARK

Twenty-five percent of the recruits in the Communist Party recruiting drive are veterans. It's not hard to tell why they joined. As a matter of fact, the reasons this 25 percent has already joined are good enough for thousands and more to sign up. And we're inviting Vets Voice readers to do just that.

You can start way back, when our Uncle planned week-days and even weekends for us. We griped about everything. So many things annoyed us. Many of them weren't important, but when you summed up all the gripes you could put it all under heading: What the Hell Are We Doing Here?

Now don't get us wrong. The guy in ODs or Navy Blue had a rough idea why he was in uniform. While he may not have known where fascism came from and exactly how it was different from rheumatism he knew we had to lick the damned thing.

But there was still the question how the world got involved in the mess to start with. After all, the Germans had been defeated in the first world war. As for the Japanese, they had been "allies" in World War I. So how come Pearl Harbor?

What's more, the fellows had a funny feeling that the big shots had soft-soaped and supported the very guys we were fighting against in the war.

Incoming mail from Japanese guns and mortars would likely be pieces of the Sixth Ave. L or other scrap which American businessmen had sold to the Japanese.

Some of the fellows remembered that during the German-Italian war invasion of Spain, the American people had been told we're "neutral" and only "dirty reds" were intervening on the loyalist side. So how come we were fighting against those same Germans and Italians now?

To cut it short, a soldier did a

lot of thinking. Sure there was much confusion. But the serious-minded guy wanted an answer to these questions. What kind of setup was it which has a world war every generation? And to rub it in, this same capitalist set-up throws crises, depressions, unemployment, inflation and a flock of other miseries on top of the wars.

So the GI gets home after it's all over.

The blueberry pie of the slick magazine ads turns out to be one big SNAFU in housing, jobs, prices, shortages. To top it all the big money and big reaction makes a guy feel that he'd better keep his uniform handy, there's a third world war coming up! This time it'll be an Anglo-American bid for what Hitler wanted, world domination!

Vets have seen that labor is fighting for a better deal for ex-servicemen and for the nation as a whole. The Communist Party is the



leading party of the working class. It is a fighting party with a program for vets and labor today. Being a party of socialism, the Communist Party has a plan for eliminating wars and crises and unemployment. Socialism does just that because the people who work, by hand and by train will own and control the means of producing the things men live by.

The Daily Worker and Worker are in this drive for 20,000 new members of the Communist Party. We're out to get 500 new members directly through our press. Vets Voice is asking you to join our ranks. Fill out the coupon in the paper (marked Vets Voice) or write directly to us about joining the Party. Enlist in the fight for peace, security, democracy and socialism.

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Dewey and Housing

ONE speech at the "Operations Housing" rally Saturday was roundly booed by the vets.

It was the speech of Gov. Dewey's Housing Commissioner, Herman Stetchman, who insisted public housing must not interfere with the interests of private capital.

This attitude is not new with the Dewey Administration.

As early as 1944, a Republican state Senator stated on the Senate floor that it was the policy of the administration to consider public housing "only as a palliative to be used in extreme circumstances."

This, of course, explains why the State of New York, with its huge treasury surplus piled up allegedly for the vets, has confined itself to the building of a few barracks as its contribution to the solution of the housing crisis. This paralyzing Hooverite philosophy, made infamous and discarded by the people in the crisis of 1930-32, has also had its deadly effect on the national administration, and particularly in Congress. Through the influence of Robert Moses, it has affected the city administration, too.

Just as it left the unemployed, the starving and the evicted to their own devices in the early '30s, so today it condemns the veterans to homelessness.

The vets who are fighting for housing have got to get at the root of the question. They should meet this deadly philosophy head-on by demanding large-scale government building, restricted only by the number of houses the nation needs.

And they should see to it that their political power is used to oust those who hold "free enterprise" slogans dearer than homes and jobs for our veterans.

To Be an American

A NUMBER of speakers who spoke on "I Am An American Day" seemed to suffer a slight case of confusion. They have confused Wall Street with the United States.

For example, if there are Americans who can't see any point in our wealth and manhood being used to spread the glory of the Standard Oil Co., such Americans become "un-American."

If there are Americans who still insist that FDR's plan for American-Soviet friendship was the best plan for the country, they, too, are branded as "un-American."

It would be well to remind the tories of today who hide their own financial interests behind an American flag, that Abraham Lincoln insisted that the American people have the right to alter or change their form of government; that Tom Jefferson preached the same doctrine. Yet such ideas are hounded today by the Rankins, Hearsts and even by those who consider themselves more progressive.

There is a closer bond of loyalty between an American worker and workers of other lands than between an American worker and the Wall Street banker who robs him through exploitation in the factories.

To be an American is to love the common people, to fight for their present and future welfare.

Wt didn't hear much about that, though, in the Sunday speeches.

Labor Is Still Waiting

BOTH the CIO and the AFL executive council have demanded that President Truman remove his aide, civilian production administrator John D. Small, for his harshly anti-labor remarks.

Last week, Small asked Congress to pass legislation outlawing strikes for six months. That will let the trusts gouge labor and the nation without any comeback.

Does Small speak for President Truman, who appointed him?

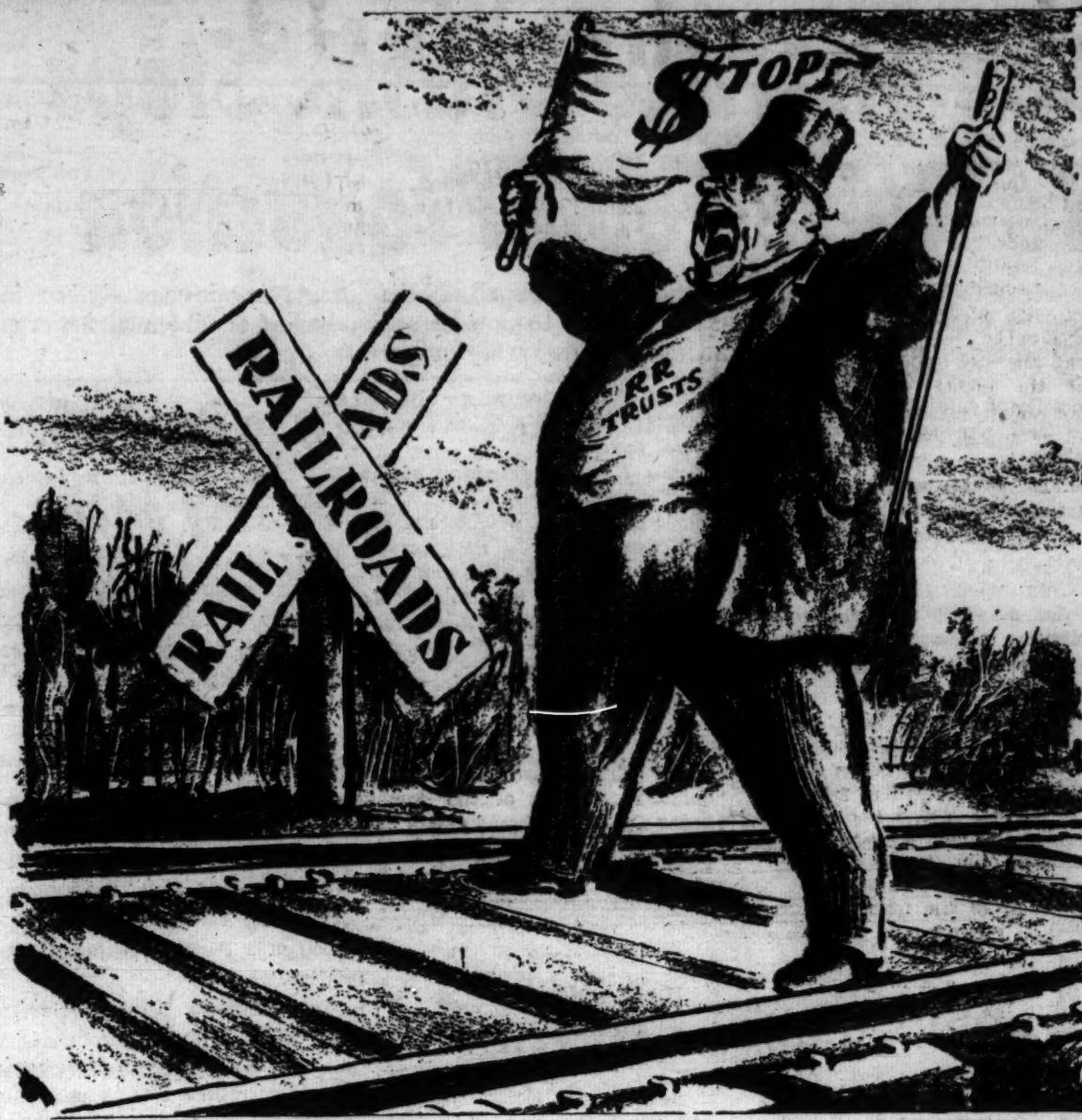
"Mr. Small's remarks can only be construed as reflecting official position," the CIO steel union stated last week.

All labor has demanded Small's removal.

Yet the President remains silent. Does his silence give assent to Small's outrageous proposal?

Labor has asked President Truman for a reply. It is still waiting for it. Public opinion says "Small must go!"

REAL REASON FOR TIE-UP



WASHINGTON NOTES

Man Who Came to Dinner

by Rob F. Hall

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WASHINGTON.

THE play, and later the movie, entitled *The Man Who Came to Dinner* told an amusing story of a hospitable family which invited a friend to dinner, only to have him stay on for weeks and to become the tyrant, rather than the guest, of the household.

A Manila newspaper, *The Philippine Press*, recently suggested that the role of the U.S. in the Philippine Islands is approximately that of the *Man Who Came to Dinner*. But in this case the story is not amusing.

"On July 4, 1946, we will be free and independent," said *The Press*, "but in the years to come, we will not be able to call our country our own. We will discover to our cost that the friend who entered our house has appropriated the entire building, and we should be duly grateful if he graciously permits us to occupy the attic."

The bitterness of *The Press* and, as it appears from here, of large sections of Filipino public opinion, arises in large part from the Philippines Trade Act which was quietly pushed through Congress last month and which, according to a well-informed source, will "restore and perpetuate the pre-war dominance of American vested interests for the next 28 years."

At Mercy Of Imperialists

The Trade Act establishes free trade between the U.S. and the Philippine Islands until 1954. Since Manila cannot levy protective tariffs to encourage her own infant industries, she must receive all the American imperialists send and must depend almost entirely on America as a market for her own products. FDR, who anticipated this situation when the islands were independent, warned against such "free trade."

The Trade Act fixes quotas for shipments of Philippine products to the U.S. but sets no limits on American shipments to the islands. Philippine currency must be tied to the American until 1974.

Americans must be granted the same rights as Filipinos in the development of natural resources, an ironical provision since the U.S. treats Filipinos in this country as inferior persons and even bars them from citizenship.

The provision in the Philippine constitution requiring 60 percent of any enterprise be owned by Filipinos must be amended to grant equal rights to American investors, under the Trade Act, or the "free and independent" Filipinos will receive no assistance from the U.S.

A Pattern For Empires

According to Ira Gollobin, American ex-GI who is now an expert on the Philippines with the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, "the terms of the bill make clear that Philippine resources are to be turned over to American capital for the next 28 years. The Philippines cannot use their resources to become industrialized but must continue as before as a colonial source of raw materials for America and a controlled market for American goods."

Gollobin commends with some

qualifications the Philippine Rehabilitation Act, also passed by Congress last month, which provides some help to the Filipino people in digging themselves out of the devastation of war and occupation. But Section 601 of the Act should be repealed, he said, because it makes the grant of war damages conditional on Filipino acceptance of the Trade Act.

He considers the Trade Act utterly vicious and completely imperialist. It should be repealed and trade legislation which will not hinder Philippine trade and industrialization enacted.

A third Philippine measure, the property bill, should be defeated. It is before the Senate Committee on Territories as S-1967 and before the House Committee on Insular Affairs as HR-5828.

Gollobin is a little shocked and positively critical of labor and progressive forces for their neglect of the crucial Philippine question. He feels the Trade Act would never have slipped through Congress if progressives had been alert and better informed.

Throughout the Pacific, he said, the opinion is growing that the pattern set by the U.S. towards the Philippines will be followed by the Dutch and British imperialists. America is "pioneering" in methods to preserve imperialist bondage while giving the appearance of "freedom and independence."

Worth Repeating

Philip Murray, CIO president, in a statement barring red-baiting and witch hunts, said, in part: "Ours is a democratic organization. It is run by its members. We ask no man his national origin, his color, his religion or his beliefs. It is enough for us that he is a steel worker and that he believes in trade unionism....

"We must not and do not seek interference with the free and democratic right of each member to practice such religion as he chooses, harbor such views as he chooses, in his private life as a citizen. Our union has not been and will not be an instrument for repression. It is a vehicle for economic and social progress." Statement made at United Steel Workers convention at Atlantic City, May 14, 1946.

Soviets Take Drastic Steps To Raise Food Production

MOSCOW, May 20 (UP).—The Soviet Council of Ministers, trying desperately to raise food production, today ordered all farmers to plow immediately land on which winter crops had perished and resow it immediately with spring crops.

The Soviet Council ordered councils of ministers of all republics and regional executive committees:

1. To provide quickly full utilization of all areas where winter crops had died for resowing with spring crops.

2. To warn the presidents of Soviet districts, the presidents of collective farms and directors of State farms that resowings were obligatory.

3. To permit the Ministry of Agriculture to check spring sowings by the party that farmers must increase cattle breeding and dairy production because of the forthcoming abolition of bread and cereal rationing.

It was noted that the order was directed to all 16 republics and not

alone to the Ukraine, where UNRRA inspectors reported a severe drought several days ago.

Nikita Kruschev, president of the Ukrainian Council of Ministers, informed the central committee of the Ukrainian Communist Party several days ago that preparations must be made to mobilize farmers for the hand harvesting of crops, because of the lack of machinery and the wide areas to be harvested.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda quoted Kruschev as telling the party that farmers must increase cattle breeding and dairy production because of the forthcoming abolition of bread and cereal rationing.

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2 American Observers Challenge Greek Poll

The American Mission for Observation of the Greek elections has been challenged by two of its former members, the Greek American Council revealed yesterday.

The mission's "confused and uncritical policy resulted in the establishment of a neo-fascist government and led the country to the tragic brink of civil war," charged Helen P. Crosby, political analyst attached to the mission from January to March 22.

The Allied Election Mission, Miss Crosby asserted, has "cynically underwritten" an election in which "only the right participated with the exception of two politically insignificant parties," in which "the minimal conditions of public order did not exist," and in which "thousands of eligible voters of the left and center were illegally disfranchised."

Dr. Jerzy Neyman, member of the Mission's statistical staff, declared that immediately before the elections "intimidation was predominantly one-sided, namely from the royalists, and according to the Greek prime minister himself, only the royalist candidates had any freedom of movement in Greece."

He noted that the Royalists won although "an overwhelming majority" of Greeks with whom he had talked were Republicans.

East Side Meeting On Palestine Report

Samuel Barron, editor of the English section, Morning Freiheit, will speak at a meeting tonight on the Anglo-American Commission's report on Palestine.

The rally, second in a series called by the Communist Party of the East Side, will be held in Hennington Hall, Second Street near Avenue B at 8 p. m. Movies on the life of Haym Solomon and on price control will be shown.

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Tonight Brooklyn

MONOPOLY VS. THE PEOPLE, a Review of the Week featuring Paul Gipfel, at Brighton Beach Annex, Jefferson School, 3200 Coney Island Ave. at Brighton Beach Ave., 8:30 p.m. Admission, 35¢.

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FIRST ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT of the School of Jewish Studies, Saturday, May 25, Town Hall. Program: Jewish People's Philharmonic Chorus; Max Helfman, conductor; Max Polkoff, violin; Simeon Bellison, clarinet; Sidney Foster, piano; Benjamin Zemach, dramatic recitations; and string quartet of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. Prof. Frederic Ewen, chairman. Tickets at \$1.20, \$1.80 and \$2.40 can be obtained at the office of the school, 13 Astor Place, Gramercy 7-1881; at the office of the Jewish Music Alliance, 1 Union Square; at the Morning Freiheit office, 35 E. 12th St., and at Raport & Cutler, 1327 Southern Blvd., Bronx.

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Chris Tells How Communist Seamen Do It

By Beth McHenry

Tom Christensen, who heads up the Communist Party on the New York waterfront, has an explanation for the tremendous success of the recruiting drive among the seamen.

"The reason we've been able to build a real Party in our industry," he told us in an interview the other day, "is because we were able to work out in detail a real perspective for the industry. When you have a program based solidly on the interests of the rank and file and they fight on a principled basis, there isn't any problem to Party building."

Recruiting into the New York Seamen's Branch had reached 230 as of the day we interviewed Chris, with 30 a week an established recruiting average.

Chris himself came into the leadership of the New York Waterfront Party in February and took a big part in clearing away the confusion that had resulted from a demobilized Party. He is at once an old timer in the industry and up-to-date in its developments. He went to sea out of Oslo, Norway, at the age of 14, but from 1929 on sailed only out of United States ports. In 1936 he became secretary of the Scandinavian Seamen's Club, later was director of the National Maritime Union's Foreign Flag Department. More recently he was NMU Political Action Director on the West Coast. He's tremendously well-liked, modest but direct, a firm, quick-thinking, warm-hearted guy whose love of people beams in a grin that's famous from coast to coast.

Chris is frank about the waterfront work being full of good hints for the Party in other industries.

Accomplishments of the recent months include a National Maritime Training School, the Herb Tank book, Communists on the Waterfront, which was a direct project of the branch, compulsory classes for all union officials who are members of the branch, and daily afternoon classes for rank and file seamen on the beach.

Right now, of course, the Waterfront Party is 100 percent deep in strike preparation.

"The enthusiasm of the rank and file is terrific," Chris said. "In this is our best guarantee of successful action."

As for the unity which found expression in the joint organization formed last week in San Francisco, he said you can just imagine how Communists here greet it. After all, he pointed out, the Communists have been the most conscious and conscientious fighters for unity in the maritime industry.

An important hint which Tom Christensen held out to other industrial organizations of the Party had to deal with trade union leaders who are Communists taking their rightful, open place in the Party itself.

"We have found that when those union leaders who are respected by the membership speak openly as Communists, we are much better able to combat the destructive methods of the enemies of the unions, their whispering campaigns and so forth," the Party leader declared.

"And as for actual Party building,

trusted union leaders who openly recruit for the Communist Party are a tremendous factor in making it grow. As an example, I'll offer the case of Frederick (Blacky) Myers, NMU vice-president, and a member of our branch, who probably has recruited more new members in the current drive than any other Communist."

New Year's Day in June

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PRESS ROUNDUP

THE TIMES disapproves of the five-day delay in the railroad strike because it presumes "that in this period further progress can be made in negotiating with management." Its answer to the railroaders' demands is to stand by "the emergency fact-finding board," so "there would be nothing to negotiate." The only side to an industrial dispute the TIMES can see is that of the employer.

THE TRIBUNE columnist George Fielding Eliot notes that the Soviet Union's "vital centers could be reached by American and British air power, and the atomic bomb gives that air power the means of effecting decisively destructive results." Having previously called for a stronger plan for war against the Soviet Union, Eliot says Soviet suspicions would be allayed if the Lilienthal report becomes more than "a mere suggestion." Since that report proposes a plan for the continued U.S. production of atom bombs while controlling world uranium and plutonium resources, it's a mystery how that would improve U.S.-Soviet relations.

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM columnist Thomas L Stokes believes the fair way to meet the world famine "is to resume rationing, so that our help may be orderly and

Use Sheepshead Bay Sea School For Vets' Homes, Cacchione Asks

Brooklyn Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Communist, will introduce a resolution at the next Council session urging that the Sheepshead Bay Maritime Training Station be turned over to the city for veterans housing, he said yesterday. The resolution would ask Mayor O'Dwyer to take up the proposal.

The station was training 10,000 men at a time during the period of the war," Cacchione said. "Only about 2,000 are at the station at the present time and one-fourth of the merchant marine vessels have been laid at anchor since the end of the war.

"The station could provide homes for a minimum of 1,000 to 1,500 veterans and their families."

In this corner

**Big Six Students Demand:
No Jimcrow Sports!**

By Bill Mardo

JIMCROW in the Big Six Conference has long marred collegiate sports. The gentlemen's agreement among the particular midwest school concerned, barring Negroes from Big Six sports, is in sharp contrast to the lack of jimmie crow on most other midwestern campuses.

Recently the student councils of the Universities of Kansas and Nebraska, and the colleges of Iowa State and Kansas State, passed resolutions urging their schools to permit Negro participation in Conference athletics.

All that came out of this fine student action was that the hitherto silent rule has now been written into the Big Six Conference books by the faculty representatives committee. The ruling leaves the issue of non-jimmie crow sports up to the individual schools to be determined in accordance with State laws.

Not a word from this committee about putting into practice the elementary democratic precepts supposedly preached in the text-books; not a clear-cut statement in support of the growing tide of student resentment against jimmie crow in Big Six sports. No, all the Conference Committee could see its way clear to doing was a formal acknowledgement of the jimmie crow that does exist there.

However, this very formality, if utilized properly by the progressive student bodies on the campuses, could boomerang against Big Six discrimination and break down the jimmie crow bars in several of the Conference schools.

For the rule which was just written into the Conference books says the issue of jimmie crow sports can be determined by individual institutions in accordance with their State laws. Well, let's see. The Big Six includes the universities of Kansas, Nebraska, Kansas State, Iowa State, Missouri and Oklahoma A&M. Of that lot, only Oklahoma and Missouri are actually bound by state laws which would prevent Negro participation in Big Six sports. In Kansas the bias law only applies to primary and high schools in Kansas City—thus the student councils at the University of Kansas and Kansas State College have a fine opportunity of cracking jimmie crow there if it presses the fight further. And from the still incomplete information we have at hand concerning bias laws in Iowa and Nebraska, it appears that a similar victory against discrimination could be won at Iowa State and the University of Nebraska.

It's highly important that the aforementioned Student Councils which passed end-jimmie crow resolutions continue the fine fight it recently initiated. It should organize campus and neighborhood petitions in support of the resolution. With enough organization and militancy, jimmie crow can be kayoed in the majority of Big Six schools. Let's Go!

HATTON'S A REAL FIND

Grady Hatton, the Cincy Reds' rookie third baseman, is already being tabbed as the National League's "find" of the year.

And you won't have any trouble convincing the Ebbets Field faithful of this fact, because they saw Grady knock in two of the four runs which the Reds scored Sunday to beat the Dodgers, 4-0.

In his first season of professional baseball, young Hatton already has broken up a couple of ballgames, hit four homers and is engaged in a tussle with Boston's Tommy Holmes for the early lead in the runs-batted-in.

Up to this season, Grady's fastest "League" was the semi-pro tournament at Wichita, Kansas, but when he came out of the army several major league scouts were on his trail.

"Brooklyn made me the best offer," recalled the 23-year old newcomer to the big time, "but my dad read a lot about Mr. McKechnie and he thinks he's a pretty wonderful fellow so I signed with Cincinnati."

McKechnie thinks Grady, Jr., is pretty wonderful, too. "He hits the ball real well," he said. "Naturally, he isn't a great fielder

because he never played pro ball before, but he's good enough."

Hatton got off to a terrific start this spring. He made three hits in five trips, driving in two runs in the opener against the Cubs and hit his first big league home-run off Hi Bithorn in the second game of the season. Hatton poled his second circuit clout off Rip Sewell of the Pirates, another off Joe Harten with two men aboard to beat the Dodgers several weeks ago, and recently he started a Redleg barrage with a round-tripper against Charley Barrett of the Cards.

The youngster who hit "over .400 his last two seasons" at the University of Texas, figures he can keep hitting in the big league because he has learned to hit all fields, swinging according to the pitch. As a matter of fact, Hatton thinks it's easier to hit in the majors than it was in semi-pro and college ball? Why? Surely he doesn't think the N.L. twirlers are inferior to the chuckers he teed-off against in school and in Wichita tourney?

"Of course not," he smiled. "It's just that there aren't so many wild pitches to worry about."

Baseball Standings

(Not including yesterday's games)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
St. Louis	17	9	.654	—
BROOKLYN	16	10	.615	1
Chicago	14	11	.560	2½
Boston	15	12	.556	2½
Cincinnati	13	11	.542	3
NEW YORK	12	16	.429	6
Pittsburgh	10	15	.400	6½
Philadelphia	6	19	.240	10½

YESTERDAY'S GAMES

Cincinnati at BROOKLYN (8:30). Chicago at Boston, night. Only games scheduled.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Boston	25	7	.781	—
NEW YORK	20	11	.645	4½
Detroit	18	13	.581	6½
Washington	15	13	.536	8
St. Louis	13	18	.419	11½
Cleveland	11	18	.379	12½
Chicago	9	18	.333	13½
Philadelphia	9	22	.290	15½

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11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Show	WOR—News Reports	WMCA—News	WQXR—Stringtime	WVUD—1230 Ke.
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman	WABC—Arthur Godfrey	WMC—News	WOR—Talk	WNEW—1230 Ke.
WQXR—Alma Dettling, News	WOR—Tello-Test Quiz	WNYC—Music	WJZ—710 Ke.	WLIE—1150 Ke.
11:15-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch	WQXR—Penny Worth, Music	WJZ—Home Edition	WJZ—270 Ke.	WHN—1050 Ke.
WABC—Tens and Tims—Sketch	WJZ—Bill Stern—Sports	WABC—News Reports	WMC—530 Ke.	WOB—1220 Ke.
WQXR—Stringtime	WABC—Bill Stern—Sports	WMC—News Reports	WABC—280 Ke.	WBRY—1450 Ke.
11:45-WEAF—David Harum	WABC—Talk—Victor Lindlahr	WMC—This Woman's World	WINS—1060 Ke.	WQXE—1550 Ke.

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—Clyde Kittell, News	WOR—Lyle Van News; Music	WMC—Don Goddard, News	WQXR—News; Midday Symphony	WVUD—Supper Club, Variety
WJZ—Glimmer Manor	WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat	WMC—Maggi McNeills	WJZ—Sports	WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WABC—Big Sister	WJZ—Here's Morgan	WABC—Robert Trout, News
12:15-WEAF—Maggi McNeills	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WABC—Art Van Damme Quartet	WMC—Sports Resume	WMC—Racing Results
WABC—Big Sister	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WJZ—Sports; Answer Man	WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr.	6:40-WEAF—Bill Stern—Sports
12:30-WEAF—Art Van Damme Quartet	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WABC—Helen Trent	WJZ—Headline Edition	6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas, News
WOR—News; Answer Man	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WMC—Don Goddard, News; Music	WABC—Lanny Ross Show	7:00-WEAF—Wade Donovan, Songs
WJZ—News; Charm School	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WABC—Our Gal Sunday	WQXR—News; Music	7:15-WEAF—News of the World
WABC—Helen Trent	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WMC—Mary Margaret McBride	WOR—The Answer Man	7:30-WEAF—The Answer Man
12:45-WEAF—Around Town—John Cooper	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WOR—Musical Appetizer	WABC—Raymond Swing	WJZ—Raymond Walsh
WABC—Our Gal Sunday	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WJZ—H. R. Baulkage, News	WABC—Jack Smith Show	WQXR—Spotlight Music
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch	WMC—Five Star Final	7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn
WOR—Musical Appetizer	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch	WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt	WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WJZ—H. R. Baulkage, News	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch	WMC—Dinah Shore Records	8:00-WEAF—Johnny Desmond, Margaret Whiting, Songs; Herb Shriner
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WABC—Road of Life	WMC—Johannes Steel	8:00-WEAF—Johnny Desmond, Margaret Whiting, Songs; Herb Shriner
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WMC—Road of Life	WABC—Big Town	8:00-WEAF—Nick Carter—Sketch
1:15-WOR—Jack Bundy's Album	WQXR—News; Luncheon Music	WMC—Road of Life	WMC—Road of Life	8:00-WEAF—Nick Carter—Sketch
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2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light	WOR—Daily Dilemmas	WMC—News; Baseball Game	WQXR—News; Request Music	WVUD—Boston Blackie—Play
WJZ—John B. Kennedy, News	WABC—Second Mrs. Burton	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	WABC—Concert Orchestra
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton	WABC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	WMC—Raymond Walsh
WQXR—News; Request Music	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	WQXR—Spotlight Music
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children	WABC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn
WJZ—Pal Barnes—Talk	WABC—Perry Mason—Sketch	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WABC—Perry Mason—Sketch	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	WMC—Dinah Shore Records
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	WMC—Johannes Steel
WOR—Queen for a Day	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	WMC—Johnny Desmond, Margaret Whiting, Songs; Herb Shriner
WJZ—Bride and Groom	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	8:00-WEAF—Nick Carter—Sketch
WABC—Rosemary—Sketch	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	8:00-WEAF—Nick Carter—Sketch
WMC—Baseball; Giants-Pirates	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	8:00-WEAF—Nick Carter—Sketch
WQXR—Request Music	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	8:00-WEAF—Nick Carter—Sketch
2:45-WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	8:00-WEAF—Nick Carter—Sketch
WABC—Time to Remember	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WMC—News; Ray Smith, Songs	WQXR—News; Request Music	8:00-WEAF—

Legion of Decency Attacks 'Open City'

By David Platt

The Catholic Legion of Decency has come out against the powerful anti-fascist film *Open City*. They say it is "excessively gruesome; treats deceit sympathetically; has suggestive costumes and implications; deals with narcotics."

Every great work of social art from *Lysistrata* (Aristophanes) to *An American Tragedy* (Dreiser) has at one time or another been blasted on these and similar grounds by clerical vice squads. There are always swarms of bigots who cannot or do not want to distinguish between socially-useful works and pornography.

A few months ago the Legion of Decency included the progressive English films *Love on the Dole* and *Thunder Rock* and the American film *Story of GI Joe* on their "objectionable" list, side by side with trash like *Cry of the Werewolf*, *Vampire's Ghost* and *Getting Gertrude's Garter*. Now they're trying to sabotage what most critics regard as the finest anti-fascist film of our time.

What really hurts the Catholic hierarchy is that *Open City* for once had the guts to show a Catholic Priest in loyal comradeship with a Communist. The Priest, much to the dismay of the pious scoffers in this country, is not a pliant tool of the Vatican. He does not practice church politics along established Legion of Decency lines. He has seen with his own eyes how earnestly the Communists fight for justice and liberty. The Nazis cannot persuade him even on pain of



Vito Annichiarico has a featured role in *Open City*. The film about the Italian underground begins its fourth month at the World Theatre today.

death that Communism is the mortal enemy of true Catholicism.

To the Priest in this great anti-fascist film, the courageous Communist leader, Manfredi, who unflinchingly endures the sadistic punishment prepared for him by the fascist, is the true son of God. There you have the real reason why the Catholic hierarchy is warning its followers against *Open City*.

Fine Informal History Of a Working Man

Reviewed by Stephen Peabody

The enormous advances of American Labor since 1900 and its tremendous rich and variegated history form the basis for this really excellent addition to progressive literature. "John Donar" is perhaps more of an informal history than it is a novel, and it is expertly wrought in parts, but its over-all effect is one of extraordinary vitality and skill.

John Donar, the common man who tells his story in the first person, is the son of an immigrant who left home at 12 in the year 1912 to find out why so many honest hard-working folks stayed poor in the world's richest country. He bumped around the Mid-West and the South as a farm laborer, a hobo, as a factory help, picking up scraps of knowledge, an immense amount of self-reliance and a rugged common sense.

Enlisting at 17, he served in France throughout the World War. Some of the best chapters of the book describe his life as a doughboy at the front, and his realization that he was fighting as a pawn in an imperialist struggle. Back in the United States, John Donar quits the army rather than act as a strike-breaker in the coal fields, and set out again as a migratory worker and labor organizer.

Attracted by its program of organization, its militancy and its anti-bossism, John Donar joined the IWW, which at the moment answered his apolitical needs. The IWW's syndicalism, however, was not a straitjacket, but a framework for his unfolding consciousness as a member of the working class.

Later on when he saw that the class struggle is a many-sided fight involving political action as well as economic he was impelled toward Communism; but that transition, the most important of his life, took place in the crucible of his experiences as a working man.

These experiences, told from the viewpoint of the man who marches on a picket line, who distributes leaflets, collects a few dollars to help the union along; who talks to his fellow workers and gets them to organize and work together; who has a ready tongue and a homely argument, these experiences carry John Donar the length and breadth

Canada Lee Is Determined That 'On Whitman Ave.' Must Live

By Beth McHenry

CANADA LEE said, when he read the script of Maxine Wood's *On Whitman Avenue*, he couldn't sleep until it was produced.

"I read the script and was deeply moved," he told us in an interview backstage at the Cort the other evening. "I felt the story so deeply that I hurried to get other people I knew to read it, too, thinking that perhaps because the problem presented was so close to me, I was imagining the play to be better than it was. But the people I showed it to felt the same way I did. It's a hell of a great play, and the response of people who have seen it proves it."

Mr. Lee said that just as he had felt that the play had to be produced, so now he is determined that it must go on. People have got to see it everywhere, he said, not just in New York but up and down the whole country.

In connection with this play, Canada Lee has proved himself much more than one of the finest actors in the American theatre. The tremendous initiative and determination he displayed in getting the play produced, despite all the difficulties of the current theatre, proves him a fighting leader in the battle of our time. Incidentally, this is the first time that a Negro has ever produced a dramatic play on Broadway. Mr. Lee, who has the lead role in the play, is co-producer with Mark Marvin.

"When we started on this production," Mr. Lee told us between many interruptions (time announcements and youngsters in the cast running in to ask questions and a flow of people who all wanted to do something to make sure the play would keep going), "we decided it had to have every possible advantage, so we got one of the best directors we know of, Margo Jones, and one of the best designers, Donald Oenslager, and we started to work."

Despite his own great faith in

Dean Dixon Recreates 'Pathetique'

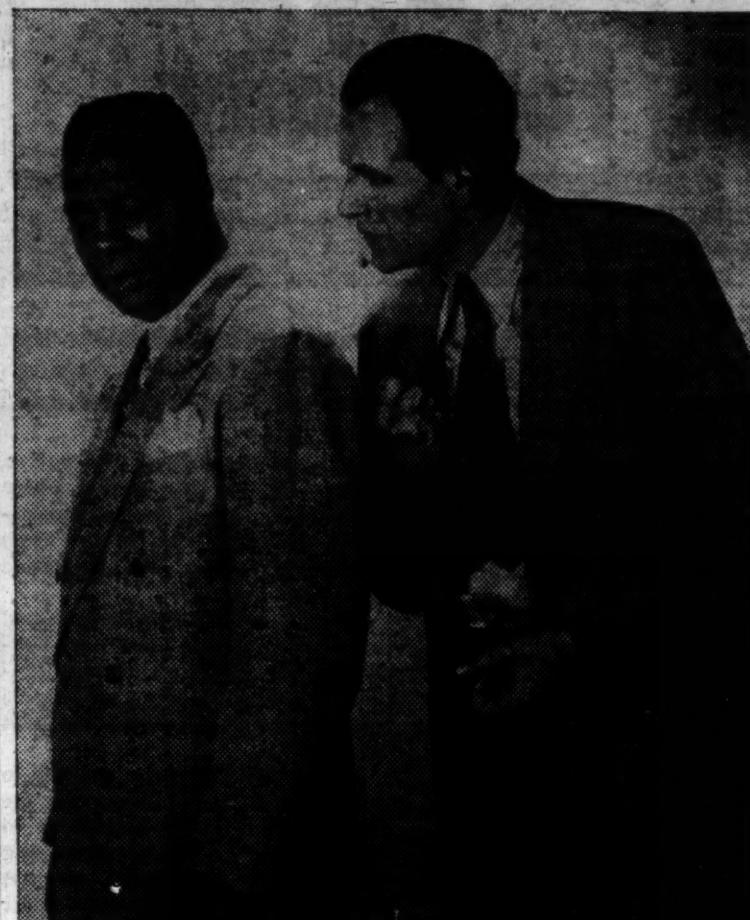
The audience at the Brooklyn Academy of Music last Friday night paid pretty high prices for the concert there, because they were willing to give generously to aid the Jewish orphans of Birobidjan. But they got more than their money's worth in the vibrant performance of the American Youth Orchestra conducted by Dean Dixon, and in the performance of Vivian Rivkin, who played the piano in a Tchaikovsky concerto.

Henry Brant's "Dedication in Memory of a Great Man" and Aaron Copeland's *El Salón México* were among the contemporary pieces given a clear and understanding treatment, but it was the performance of Tchaikovsky's *Pathetique* Symphony that won this reviewer, who thought he was tired of this sweet Sixth, to a new admiration both of the Russian master and of Mr. Dixon.—B. L.

Says MIKE GOLD of "ON WHITMAN AVENUE"

"*On Whitman Avenue*" is a terrific blow against the Jimcrow way of life in America. Magnificent social realism, deeply felt and all human, "*On Whitman Avenue*" should receive the warm support of New York's progressive-minded citizens."

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Canada Lee and Will Geer in a scene from 'On Whitman Avenue.'

the play, Canada Lee said he himself was surprised at the reaction of the audience when they opened in Buffalo.

"There were people backstage afterward with tears in their eyes asking, 'What can we do to help this problem?'" he said. "That's the big thing about this play; it makes people want to do something."

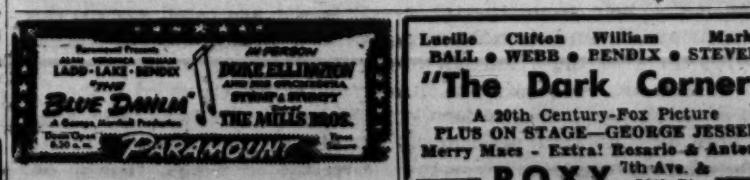
In Detroit, a town noteworthy for poor reception to plays, even the papers gave rave notices to *On Whitman Avenue*.

Everyone recognized it as one of the great social plays, Mr. Lee said. "They compared it with *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, which in its day had a similar impact. It hit at the conscience of America. On *Whitman Avenue* does that, too."

The reaction of certain New York critics couldn't throw a setup like this play has, of course, but it was shocking, nevertheless.

"Here we had come from Detroit, supposedly the seat of reaction, where we got rave notices," said Canada Lee, "and we reached New York, supposedly the seat of liberalism, and a number of the critics rejected us. Do you know

4th WEEK



Byrnes Voices Threat to Ditch Big Four Unity

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, developing his get-tough-with-Russia line, tonight threatened to dump the problem of European peace treaties on the UN General Assembly in September if Big Four agreement is not reached.

The Foreign Ministers had agreed last December that Big Four unanimity on terms to be offered former Axis satellites was essential before a general peace conference could be called.

Fur-Leather Union Praised By CIO Counsel

By Dorothy Looch

ATLANTIC CITY, May 20.—The International Fur and Leather Workers Union "fully demonstrates" in its functioning the basic CIO principles just enunciated by CIO President Philip Murray, Lee Pressman, CIO general counsel, told the union's convention here today.

The statement, rejecting red-baiting "witch hunts," was adopted by the United Steelworkers convention a week ago after presentation by Murray. Pressman described the statement as "basic CIO policy" and said it made clear to the nation that the CIO was founded and would continue to operate with its fundamental objective:

"Organization in our unions, regardless of color and regardless of political belief, all of whom shall enjoy fully their democratic rights within our organizations."

He told the over 400 fur and leather workers' delegates from many parts of the U. S. and Canada:

"Your organization is one of the living parts of CIO that has demonstrated in full these basic principles so ably expressed by Murray."

Earlier, Ben Gold, IFLW international president, had hailed the Murray statement.

He said it "smashed the hopes of those who sought to divide and weaken and undermine the unions by red-baiting, eliminating Communists and progressives and honest union members from office and from the unions themselves."

Gold, a charter member of the Communist Party, recalled the furriers' long and hard struggle to achieve all-embracing unity of the kind the statement provides.

"We wish, as we look back to the experience of the fur workers and the American labor movement between 1921 and 1935 that there had been a Phil Murray, a leader who had the courage of his convictions, to declare to the entire world that the trade union movement would not be an instrument of repression and that all trade unionists have a right to their own religious and political beliefs," Gold said.

Pressman made an urgent appeal for immediate mobilization by unionists throughout the country to defeat an attack by "reactionary monopoly forces seeking to destroy organized labor."

Big corporations, which had alliances with their counterparts in Germany and Japan before the war, now try to save the remnants of fascism and that is why they oppose Big Three unity internationally and push for restoration of the open shop here at home, he said.

Big CIO wage victories, Pressman warned, should not blind labor to the fact that the attack has now shifted to the floor of Congress, where big business representatives threaten to enact "drastic repressive legislation."

He called for "tremendous political action" in the communities to defeat the Case anti-labor bill, now before the Senate, and charged that millionaires duPont and Pew contributed \$250,000 to Republicans in Case's home state of South Dakota,

In a radio report to the nation, Byrnes blamed the Soviet Union for what he termed the "disappointingly small" progress of the Paris conference, which has adjourned until June 15.

He repeated his insistence, vetoed by Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov, that a peace conference be called July 1 or July 15 whether or not agreement has been reached.

Byrnes said the major obstacle to agreement in the Balkans was the Soviet Government's opposition to inclusion of provisions promising "freedom of commerce" on the Danube River. The Soviets want that commerce controlled by nations along the Danube and not outsiders.

BACKED DOWN ON ACCORD

He admitted having gone back on a Paris agreement that former Italian colonies be administered for the UN by Italians, with the excuse that France refused to set a date for the independence of Libya and Eritrea and that Britain demanded trusteeship of Cyrenaica.

The United States would have to finance Italian reparations demanded by the Soviet Union, Byrnes claimed, but did not mention the fact that the Anglo-American occupation has already cost Italy much more than the \$300,000,000 asked by the Soviet Union for itself and other victims of Italian fascist aggression.

He complained that the Soviet Union, which lost 25,000,000 people in the war, had never shared any "war booty."

It would be wrong to give Venezia Giulia, including Trieste, to Yugoslavia as demanded by the Soviet Union, he said.

WANTS AUSTRIA PACT SIGNED

Byrnes insisted that peace with Austria must be framed immediately, saying that Molotov had not explained his opposition. He did not note that Austria had been an integral part of Germany since 1938 and that of all mid-European countries its economic recovery has been most hindered by fascist remnants.

Disregarding the fact that America is holding on to military bases in 56 nations and islands—frequently despite the peoples involved—Byrnes said it was American policy "to press unremittingly" for quick peace settlements which will make it possible to withdraw troops from countries "where they do not belong and where they impose unjustified economic and social difficulties on the people."

and that the proposed bill was "to pay them back."

Pressman compared average earnings of railroad and steel workers to show how the Case bill's "cool-off" provision, modeled after the Railway Labor Act, hurts labor and benefits corporations.

"In 1936," he said, "the average hourly wage of railroad workers was 65 cents. It was the same for the then unorganized steel workers. In April, 1946, the average hourly wage of the railroad workers was 99 cents an hour. The steel workers were receiving an average of \$1.26 an hour."

Alan Haywood, CIO director of organization, will address the convention tomorrow, and Jacob Potofsky, general secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, is due to speak Thursday.

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Lorenzo Reed, Shackled, Taken Back to Chain Gang

By JOHN MELDON

They came with handcuffs yesterday and took 27-year-old Lorenzo Reed out of the Tombs here and shackled him to a tall character named Gid Powledge, a Florida sheriff. Then the pair got on a train and started south—back to a chain gang camp off Florida's west coast.

A short time before they came to Reed I sat in one of those little metal booth affairs in the Tombs and talked to the condemned man through the perforated metal that separated us. I say condemned, because he said it.

"I won't live a month when they get me back in that sweat box," the young Negro told me.

His head was bowed so that he could talk to me through the metal barrier. I could see him through a small, thick window over the apertures.

"If they take me back," he pleaded, "ask the good people up here to ask Governor Dewey to spare my life. We can do it if he intercedes with the Governor down there. All I ask is a fighting chance for my life."

JUDGE MAN COULDN'T HEAR IT

Reed escaped from Camp P-32, a chain gang prison camp overlooked by sadistic guards at DeFeunica Springs, about 68 miles from Panama City, Fla., where he had been serving 25 years for an alleged robbery after being tried without benefit of counsel.

"I asked for a lawyer," Reed told me yesterday, "but the judge man,

seemed like he couldn't hear. Then they put me before a jury of Florida white men, and they gave me the works."

Despite hundreds of appeals from citizens here and the newly formed New York Civil Rights Congress to Gov. Dewey, he signed the extradition papers to return Reed to the chain gang.

Reed, after being arrested here, told of being put into sweat boxes under the Florida sun, beaten repeatedly while being held over a barrel, and being threatened with death by camp guards.

FLED FOR LIFE

It was after one particularly pointed threat that Reed fled and worked his way North after serving two and a half years of his 25-year sentence.

After escaping on April 26, 1945, Reed came to New York and lived an exemplary life. He worked at a clothing factory at 520 Eighth Ave., later at the Long Island Carpet Cleaning Co. in Long Island City and finally at the National Brick Corp. at 35-37 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.

Reed was arrested here while riding in a friend's car following a collision with a cab. Police

searched both men and found nothing. Later a prowler joined the foot police and "discovered" a gun in the cushion of the cab.

Reed was charged with putting the gun there.

Reed was exonerated, but his fingerprints identified him as a fugitive from a chain gang.

STILL A CHANCE

Reed's attorneys here pointed out that when he was arrested after the car collision, he was released on \$500 bail and voluntarily showed up for the hearing on the gun charge, of which he was subsequently acquitted. He could easily have fled.

A few days later, a detective came to his home and took him into custody.

There is still a chance to save Reed's life, although he was reported enroute back with a sheriff as this was written. If enough people telephone, telegraph or write Dewey, he may feel compelled to intercede with Gov. Millard Caldwell of Florida and ask that Reed be treated humanely.

Meanwhile, the New York Civil Rights Congress is investigating further channels to fight the case through the state of Florida.

GOP Leader John Davies Linked With Klansman Horace Demarest

One of this city's highest GOP personages has been linked with the activities of Ku Klux Klan incorporator Horace A. Demarest, it was revealed yesterday.

John R. Davies, National Republican Club president, 1937-1940, and F. H. LaGuardia's labor-baiting opponent in the 1941 mayoralty primaries, is the man.

The exposé was the latest link in the chain begun when the Daily Worker bared Demarest's role in the KKK and forced Gov. Dewey to remove him from his post as Queens Motor Vehicle Commissioner.

WHITE COLLAR ACTION

A further investigation of Demarest's activities show that on April 18, 1945, he joined with Davies in

incorporating the White Collar Action Committee, Inc., an anti-union group.

LED DRIVE ON ALP

In 1938, Davies led the red-baiting assault on the Labor Party and the LaGuardia Fusion group. He actively supported John J. O'Connor, Christian Front-supported candidate for Congress.

When the Governor ousted Davies no word was mentioned of the latter's connection with Davies.

Covering up the nature of the Action Committee, Demarest and Davies declared in its charter that they formed it to "provide a medium for effective expression upon public and other matters by people regularly termed white collar."

Dear Reader

SUNDAY'S sensational news exposing Herbert Hoover's use of food in 1919 as a political weapon against the "spread of Bolshevism" in hungry Europe was completely ignored by the Sunday Times which prints only the news that fits its bias.

Hoover's food politics were revealed in hitherto unpublished, secret State Department documents of the 1919 Paris peace conference. Both United Press and Associated Press carried reports, with the AP story considerably watered down. The Times subscribes to both news services.

The documents, covering Allied Council meetings from July 1 to Aug. 28, 1919, show that, regardless of widespread European starvation, U.S. Relief Administrator Hoover used food as anti-Soviet, anti-democratic ammunition.

The Worker published the United

Press report by UP correspondent R. H. Shackford. The Worker added additional data on events in Hungary where Hoover used food to help overthrow the Hungarian Soviet Government.

Sunday's Herald Tribune, reporting the exposé on Hoover, used the Associated Press report, which pointed out similar "troubles" in starvation and boundaries, as they existed in 1919 and exist today. It made no point, however, of Hoover's treachery to starving mankind.

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